

Lynn Wood

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IN PRAISE OF DR JOHNSON

By J.H. Adam
Pakuranga Scrabble Club

In a previous article I told how, in 1746, five enterprising London bookseller-publishers decided to remedy the serious lack of a really definitive and exhaustive dictionary of the English language. The five formed a partnership and commissioned a young poet and critic, one Samuel Johnson, to write a dictionary 'for fixing the English language, as the French and Italian'. (You may remember that one of the five was Thomas Longman, founder in 1724 of the firm for whom I worked for over 44 years.) A year later, in 1747, Johnson produced his 'Plan for a Dictionary of the English Language', a 34-page prospectus for the Dictionary, setting out its aims and the linguistic problems it posed, all in the most apt and clear prose. Helped by six amanuenses who wrote down his words or copied quotations, he compiled some 43,000 definitions in lively but accurate prose and illustrated by no less than 118,000 quotations. Eight and a half years later, the great work was published. The gap in English linguistics was at last filled. The Dictionary was widely acclaimed as a remarkable work of scholarship and won for its author his M.A. from Oxford University. The work ran through four editions before Johnson died in 1784. For several reasons I have long had a special interest in Dr Johnson and his work. First, there is my close connection with the firm of Longman, both as publisher-employee and later as author of a Longman dictionary, albeit a tiddler by comparison with Johnson's. One can but admire the enterprise of those five booksellers who jointly commissioned Johnson, sponsored him for all those years and financed the printing of the work. Needless to say, it proved to be a most valuable literary property. For some years it even fell to me, as part of my work, to give out printing to Spottiswoodes, the successors of the very firm that Longman employed to print Johnson's Dictionary in 1755.

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Secondly, as a dabbler in lexicography and as a lover of words, I can only marvel at Johnson's untiring industry and enormous mental capacity, working as he did for eight and a half years, 'with little assistance of the learned', lacking the writing aids we know and enjoy today, having little basic reference material from earlier writers, and facing the task of 'fixing' an already highly-developed language, word by word spelling, meaning and shades of meaning. (As an example, he divided the word 'take' into no less than 134 senses, 113 of them transitive and 21 intransitive.) He performed truly astonishing feats of application and endurance in reading other writers in order to gather those 118,000 illustrative quotations. And all this, as he put it "amidst inconvenience and distraction, in sickness and in sorrow", for he was plagued by illness and had lost his wife in 1752.

And finally, my interest in Johnson is as a book-lover, again in a humble and amateur sense. I treasure a gift I received a few years ago from a school-friend, a copy of Johnson's Dictionary in its abridged 'miniature' or pocket form and in its 14th edition, published by Longman & Rees, Paternoster Row, in 1801. The following quotation (from the preface to the complete version) somehow has a strangely poetic ring, even for us down-to-earth Scrabble-players:

"I am not yet so lost in lexicography, as to forget that words are the daughters of the earth and that things are the sons of heaven."

A LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Dear Sue,

Thanks to Charlie for the article on Postal Scrabble, and to Qibla for the invitation to Tokoroa in March.

Howard Felstein of Baltimore made contact with the Sydenham Scrabble Club. He was a competitor in the 1985 North American Championships in Boston, and won 11 out of 22 games. He is coming to Auckland with your addresses, ours he found on a notice board in a Youth Hostel.

I enjoyed 'Worthy Mentions', and I'm trying to learn all the 'Bivvy billies'.

From Doreen Ogston
Sydenham Scrabble Club

OBITUARY: Betty Shimmin

In June 1976 Betty Shimmin and Ida Gallacher instigated the Waiheke Red Cross Scrabble Club. Betty was an avid player who played several times a week with various members. For many years before coming to Waiheke, Betty had been Secretary to the Principal of Kings College. She was Secretary for the Horticultural Society, the Secretary for the Red Cross, and later President. She held this office until her death on Sunday 29th December 1985. The Chairman of the Red Cross, Mr Alan Murray said he had the greatest pleasure in bestowing upon Betty, the honour of Life Member of the Red Cross.

Betty Shimmin was a courageous woman who never complained, everybody loved her, and she is a great loss to our club, and to the Island.

By Ida Gallacher

'MONTY'

By Glynis Jennings

The latter part of most evenings finds Glenn and me in bed with a book each, and Fern (our cat), settled comfortably at our feet. This has long been the pattern of our lives, but a change occurred a few weeks ago. Not only do I have a book, but 'Monty', the portable Computer Console, and a Scrabble board on the bedside cabinet.

Most readers will know that I first met 'Monty' in Norfolk Island. On my return to New Zealand I wrote to the manufacturers: Ritam Corporation
P.O. Box 921
Fairfield,
Iowa 52556,
U.S.A.

to enquire about the purchase price of Monty. After a while I had a reply from:

Contemporary Chess Computers,
2-3 Noble Corner,
(Off Sutton Lane)
Great West Road, Hounslow,
Middlesex TW5 OPA,
ENGLAND.

They said my letter had been forwarded to them by Ritam as they were now the sole distributors in the U.K. I presume Ritam thought New Zealand to be nearer the U.K. than to U.S.A.! I hastily wrote to cancel my Ritam order as I had visions of ending up with one from each source, but when Monty did arrive, he (it's hard not to think of him in human terms) had come direct from Ritam. Post Office staff must have the Christmas spirit for the parcel was on our doorstep one day when we came home from work, with no duty to pay. When the cost appeared on my VISA card, it was \$344, including postage (airmail), and the two Advanced Vocabulary Modules, giving a total vocabulary of 44,000 words.

I always choose to play at the highest level of skill and, although I usually win, I get a good game. Because Monty takes up to 3 minutes to have

a turn. I always have a book or something to occupy me while he is 'thinking'. It would be very easy to cheat when playing Monty, by saying that non-words were legal, but this would be pointless in improving ones play. He does challenge some Chambers - non-OSPD words, but others seem to slip through unchallenged. I once meant to input 'eery' and put 'ery' by mistake : this was accepted! Apart from such minor flaws, the only fault I can find with Monty is that he always makes the best use of what tiles he has at the time without looking to retain combinations of letters likely to be useful in forming 7-letter words. Because of that he scores few bonuses. He is still marvellous for anyone like me who has few human opponents locally available, and he gives ones ego a little boost with a variety of printed comments and little tunes at various levels of excellence achieved. The tunes cause Fern momentarily to prick up her ears before relaxing once more into somnolence, unimpressed by the brilliance just displayed by her 'Mum'.

Monty is fun to use in a threesome, too, and he seems so real that my mother asked if there were any way one could compliment him for good play!

SOLUTIONS: SCRABBLE CONTEST NO. 2 By Jeff Grant

- QUESTION 1. (a) FLYTRAP
(b) EQUERRY
(c) OBTUSER
- QUESTION 2. There are 5:- DOULEIA,
EULOGIA, MIAOUED, MOINEAU,
SEQUOIA
- QUESTION 3. MAXIXES
- QUESTION 4. The best move is to play
INOSITE directly on top of
DEFINES, making 7 2-letter
words for a score of 79.

Correct entries were received from David Lloyd (Mt Albert), Charlie Curl (Mt Albert), Lynne Powell (Bays), and Joy Hunter (Hamilton). A draw was held and the winner of Scrabble Contest No. 2 is NZASP President Charlie Curl. Well done!

SCRABBLE CONTEST No. 3

By Jeff Grant

Unless otherwise specified the dictionaries used as reference are Chambers 20th Century Dictionary (1983 Edition), and the Official Scrabble Players Dictionary.

Entries are to be sent to Jeff Grant by 8th April. The winner will receive a book prize. Good luck!

QUESTION 1.

Unscramble the following 7-letter words.

- (a) DEMNOST
- (b) BBELORY
- (c) DEEGIRS

QUESTION 2.

How many words with 2 or more letters without a vowel (a,e,i,o,u,y) can you find, (not counting plurals)?

QUESTION 3.

Name a 7-letter word with only one consonant.

QUESTION 4.

You start the game with LOAFERS (A on the centre square), and your opponent then plays RATIFY, using the R in LOAFERS. You now have the letters EINRST and a Blank. What is your best move?

FROM THE CLUBS.

HAMILTON SCRABBLE CLUB

Prizegiving and closing night held on 17th Dec 1985.

Major Prizewinners were:-

Most 100 point words in the year: Betty Gibb - 5

"Pot Luck" Competition - 1st - Betty Gibb - 89%
Runner up - John Moore - 78%
Third - Rita Moore - 77%

Most Improved Player - Elaine Moltzen

Sportsperson of the Year - Eileen Mead

Round Robin Competition - Group I:

Winner - Michelle Wansink
Runner up - Rita Moore

Group II:

Winner - Joycelyn Miller
Runner up - Marj Baillie

Group III:

Winner - Elsie Pugh
Runner up Enez Beach

Knock-Out Tournament - Winner - Michelle Wansink
Runner up - Rita Moore

Bonus Words Champion - John Moore (1.44 per game)

Championship Points - Winner - Betty Gibb 6.59 av
Runner up John Moore 6.46
Third - Michelle Wansink 6.35

Also we farewelled Michelle Wansink, off on an overseas working holiday for a year through the Middle East and Europe.

By John Moore

1985 BAYS END OF YEAR RESULTS

	PLAYED	WON	% WINS	CLUB POSITION	BONUS WORDS	GAMES OVER 400
Lynne Powell	151	105	69.5	1	324	88
May Quigley	119	76	68.5	2	161	48
June Mackwell	34	21½	63.2	3	47	10
Penny Headington	148	82	55.4	4	87	24
Frankie Wilkinson	145	79½	54.8	5	123	35
Marge Dalzell	147	79	53.7	6	98	18
Rachel Dennyss	51	26	50.9	7	45	10
Kay Bland	72	34	47.2	8	9	3
Beryl Mace	85	40	47.0	9	47	11
Alice O'Callahan	84	38	45.2	10	22	5
Pat Johnstone	7	3	42.8	11	1	-
Peggy Hebden	67	28½	42.5	12	46	3
Joyce Harrison	104	42½	42.0	13	48	13
Dawn Heathwaite	80	30½	38.1	14	41	5
Isobel Dixon	67	23	34.3	15	13	1
Doris Reilly	65	19½	30.0	16	18	6
Irene Duke	77	19	24.6	17	5	-
Eleanor Markwick	74	17	22.9	18	20	1
Sue Marrow	19	18	94.7	NP	43	16

NORTH SHORE SCRABBLE CLUB RESULTS FOR 1985

A Grade Champion - Sue Marrow - 79 wins
 Runner up - Lynne Powell - 70 wins
 Third - May Quigley - 60 wins

B Grade Champion - Lorna Baulcomb - 55 wins
 Runner up - Roni Sigley - 48 wins
 Third - Stephen Dennerly - 42 wins

A Grade 7-letter word Champion - Lynne Powell - 224
 Runner up - Sue Marrow - 202
 Third - Ann Candler - 162

B Grade 7-letter word Champion - Bernard Flower - 106
 Runner up - Stephen Dennerly - 100
 Third - Jo Fleming - 84

Club Records for 1985 - A Grade

Best Game Lynne Powell 581
 Best Aggregate Lynne Powell 1584
 Best Word Ann Candler 221
 Most Sevens Lynne Powell 10
 Best Combined Lynne Powell and David Blumhardt 984

B Grade

Best Game Stephen Dennerly 528
 Best Aggregate Stephen Dennerly 1299
 Best Word Bernard Flower 187
 Best Combined Stephen Dennerly and Lorna Watson 842

A NEW CLUB

Although the tournament scene has been quiet since the Mt Albert tournament in early October to the recent Pakuranga Tournament in January, 'Qibla' and wife, Lesley, NZASP's Secretary, have been assisting the interested people in Dunedin start

up a Scrabble Club in the 'Edinburgh of the South'. A Club has been formed with Mrs Marion Ashley, 7 Egmont Street, Pine Hill, being the first President, and Ian Patterson, 28 Morrison Street, Dunedin, being elected Secretary. Dunedin thought they were making a major breakthrough in forming a Scrabble Club, until Mr Morrison contacted us by both phone and letter, to find out how advanced our N.Z.A.S.P. is. They have been given a copy of the constitution and rules of the N.Z.A.S.P. and to our knowledge, have adopted these and run their club along the lines of most other clubs. They have become affiliated and have been informed of the 'Forwards' magazine. So if anyone is on holiday in the deep south, or if you know of anyone in the Dunedin area interested in joining a Scrabble Club, give Ian Patterson a call at 876589. Their club night is every alternate Wednesday at 7pm.

By 'Qibla'

Kevin Edgeler
photographed at the
Mt Albert tourney.
Known to readers
as 'Qibla'

WORLD SCRABBLE CHAMPIONSHIP

New Zealand leads the world

No! New Zealand is not hosting the world Scrabble Championship, but there has been an interesting announcement from Mr David Smith, managing director of J.W. Spear and Sons. The owners of the Scrabble trademark in the U.K., U.S.A. and Canada, and Australia have been discussing plans for a world championship for English-speaking countries. The championship will be held biennially with the first being held in the United States in Washington in 1987. The second will be held most probably in Stratford-upon-Avon, England in 1989. The championships are to be played over four days. The first two a straight draw, the final two days arranged with the best players playing each other. The event will be decided on a wins basis, and word authorities will be a combination of Chambers and OSPD. - Who said New Zealand doesn't lead the world. Further good news, David Smith said qualifying competitors would not be required to pay all of the major part of their expenses. Let's ensure that New Zealand gets in on this act.

By Dorothy Pinner

TACTICS FOR POSTAL SCRABBLE

Since all letters are visible to both players there is less luck involved than in standard Scrabble. There are greater opportunities for tactical play based on calculations of letters available to you and your opponent. Here are some tactical hints:

- a) Consider your opponents possible moves before making your own play.
- b) Always work out what you can pick up by exchange as well as potential plays from your rack - there might be an S or blank waiting to be exchanged.

c) When working out a possible 7 or 8 letter word it is useful to have two spots on the board to play it. So when playing away letters to set up your rack for a bonus word, place them where they will open up the board for your next move.

d) Make moves that leave your opponent with awkward letters on his pick up or on his exchange - don't present him with a blank or an S if you can help it.

e) Try and visualise one or two moves ahead - your opponent may not play the move you had anticipated but you develop a game strategy around what you consider to be his best possible moves.

by Charlie Curl

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
R	I	U	D	S	L	I	E	O	R
11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20
S	T	O	E	B	X	T	E	G	L
21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30
A	A	I	C	L	S	N	I	O	M
31	32	33	34	35	36	37	38	39	40
E	U	A	N	T	J	E	A	H	O
41	42	43	44	45	46	47	48	49	50
F	N	G	I	H	E	D	R	F	H
51	52	53	54	55	56	57	58	59	60
O	O	N	M	E	A	R	E	O	I
61	62	63	64	65	66	67	68	69	70
V	E	Y	L	T	T	D	A	U	D
71	72	73	74	75	76	77	78	79	80
Q	O	E	I	?	K	P	A	Z	N
81	82	83	84	85	86	87	88	89	90
P	Y	A	C	B	G	E	W	E	R
91	92	93	94	95	96	97	98	99	100
R	U	S	I	T	W	I	N	V	?

Here is a grid of letters drawn for your second round of postal Scrabble. All enquiries to Charlie Curl, 5 Braebank Lane, Te Atatu South. Ph 8347382.

SEVEN LETTER WORDS WITH FIVE VOWELS

This useful list was compiled by David Lloyd and Charlie Curl. Each of them decided to send in such a list, without knowing the other was doing so. When they realised, they were quite amazed how much each list varied from one another's.

ABOULIA	ACEQUIA	AECIDIA
AEOLIAN	AEONIAN	AENEOS
AIERIES	ALIENEE	AMOEBAE
ANAEMIA	AQUARIA	AQUEOUS
ARACEAE	AREOLAE	AUREATE
AURELIA	AUREOLA	AUREOLE
AURORAE	AUTOCUE	CAMAIEU
DOULEIA	EQUINIA	ETAERIO
EUCAINE	EULOGIA	EUPNOEA
EUTEXIA	EVACUEE	EXUVIAE
IPOMOEAE	MIAOUED	MOINEAU
NOUVEAU	OOGONIA	OUABAIN
ROULEAU	SAOUARI	SEQUOIA
TAENIAE	URAEIA	ZOOECIA

42 words - (there may be others).



TOURNAMENT SCENE.

WANGANUI OPEN SCRABBLE TOURNAMENT

Wanganui and New Plymouth Scrabble Clubs meet about three times a year. This time we felt it would be good to broaden our horizons and invite other clubs from the bottom half of the North Island:- Wellington, Lower Hutt, and Masterton. The Tournament was held on the 23rd and 24th of November, with 8 games on the Saturday and 4 games on the Sunday.

We had four teams each consisting of 8 players - Lower Hutt, New Plymouth, Wanganui was split into two teams, one had two Masterton players, and the other one player from Eastern Suburbs, Wellington. The top four of each team were ranked 'A Grade' and the bottom four 'B Grade'. The top four of each team only played the top four of the other three teams. Likewise, those ranked 'B Grade'. A Graders played challenge rules. B Graders didn't. I felt the weekend was a great success. All seemed to enjoy themselves.

By Denise Gordon

RESULTS:

Teams Event:	1. Lower Hutt	69	wins	
	2. Wanganui A	50	"	
	3. Wanganui B	45	"	
	4. New Plymouth	28	"	
A Grade:	1. Glenda Foster (LH)	11	wins	5129pt
	2. Michael Sigley (W)	8	"	5124 "
	3. Glenyss Buchanan LH	8	"	5026 "
B Grade:	1. Geoff Vauntier(LH)	12	wins	4619 "
	2. Lynn Wood (E.S.)	8	"	4741 "
	3. Marg Batchelor (Mst)	8	"	4435 "

JENNY WARD SHIELD BAYS Vs MT ALBERT 7th DECEMBER 1985

	<u>BAYS</u>	<u>MT ALBERT</u>
A GRADE	3	13
B GRADE	9	7
C GRADE	6	10
D GRADE	<u>5</u>	<u>7</u>
	23	37
POINTS:	21604	22197
GRADE WINNERS:	WINS	AVE
A David Lloyd	4	454
B June Mackwell	3	396
C Alveen Seon	4	352
D Peggy Hebden	2	356
BEST GAME:	Dorothy Pinner	472
	Ann Candler	<u>471</u>
		943

PAKURANGA OPEN TOURNAMENT

On January 25th the Pakuranga Scrabble Club held their 2nd Annual Tournament with 41 players participating. It was good to see so many people present and especially pleasing to have representatives from clubs as far distant as Wanganui, New Plymouth and Whangarei. The wet weather provided an ideal day for such an event, and the wind and rain were soon forgotten when play commenced. The adjudication was in the very capable hands of Dorothy and David Pinner, who had only just returned from their Indonesian holiday, a few days before. The Secretary, being unused to public speaking was caught completely unawares when suddenly called upon by a gentleman, who shall remain nameless, to thank all those present for attending. She mumbled a few words, probably indiscernible to all. But, the

committee do thank everyone for attending, and hope you will support us again next year.

By Margaret Cherry

RESULTS:

Group 1.	1. Glennis Hale MA	5 wins	408	ave
	2. Michael Sigley WANG	4 "	418	"
	3. Ann Candler NS	4 "	395	"
Group 2.	1. Bob Johnstone NS	6 "	369	"
	2. Allie Quinn NS	5 "	380	"
	3. Denise Gordon WANG	4 "	405	"
Group 3.	1. Marj Baillie HAM	5 "	364	"
	2. Alice O'Callahan BAYS	5 "	347	"
	3. Daphne Curl MA	4 "	353	"
Group 4.	1. Joyce Bourdot NS	7 "	355	"
	2. Lorna Baulcomb NS	6 "	343	"
	3. Peggy Wallace HAM	4 "	350	"
Group 5.	1. Enez Beach HAM	6 "	406	"
	2. Joyce Thomas PAK	5 "	337	"
	3. Conny van Tilburg PAK	5 "	335	"

NAME CHANGE

The Pakuranga Club is now called Howick-Pakuranga, and the new venue is the St Johns Ambulance Brigade Hall, Pakuranga Road, opposite the Highland Park Shopping Centre.

N.Z. RECORDS

There have been no change to the N.Z. Records since Issue 2 of FORWORDS. Those high scores of Glenyss Buchanans' may take some time to be broken.

N.Z. CHALLENGE SHIELD

By Scrabble Nut

An ecstatic North Shore team celebrated a successful challenge match when they defeated the Tauranga Enthusiasts Club on Sunday 8th December 1985. The games were contested in sunny Tauranga, and the event, the New Zealand Shield.

The North Shore team of David Blumhardt, Sue Marrow, Georgie Offringa and Allie Quinn, didn't fancy their chances, but confidence built when they took the lead in the first round by three games to one.

The second round again favoured the North Shore with three more wins. After the third round the visiting team had clinched the shield with nine games to three. The fourth and final round saw Tauranga fight back with vengeance, winning three more games. The final score was North Shore 10 games to Taurangas' 6.

Allie Quinn competing in her first rep match, scored a good win over A Grade player, Maurine Sullivan. Though graded C in the Nationals, Allie qualifies as an A Grade player in the North Shore Club.

NORTH SHORE TEAM:

David Blumhardt	3 wins	430	ave	8	sevens
Sue Marrow	3 "	407	"	8	"
Georgie Offringa	3 "	411	"	7	"
Allie Quinn	1 "	367	"	5	"

TAURANGA TEAM:

Helen Wallace	3 "	377	"	4	"
Jan Ross	1 "	405	"	6	"
Maurine Sullivan	1 "	419	"	6	"
Oona Sullivan	1 "	367	"	6	"

N.Z. CHALLENGE SHIELD: MT ALBERT Vs NORTH SHORE

A cliffhanger, nothing else could describe the last game better. After a 'so so' start of 3 games, Mt Albert, to North Shores 2 in the first round, we then progressed to a Mt Albert majority of 7 games to 3, in the second. By the third round Mt Albert had a clear lead of 9 to 6.

"Think the Shore is outclassed here", was whispered by one of the adjudicators, "Think so" nodded the other in earnest.

A break for a delicious lunch and a quick run down to the beach to see the Whitbread Yachts departing from the Auckland Harbour - fantastic sight, but not nearly as exciting as the battle being fought at the Takapuna Senior Citizens Rooms. Revitalised and rearing to go, was the underdogs, North Shore. Who gave who a pep talk, I don't know, but they sure did their best to make sure it was going to be a real competition 'cos four of them won their games giving us a 10 all draw going into the final round. Allie handed in her sheet - a win to the North Shore, - Well done Allie, (who had been petrified at being put in the team), she ended up having three wins. Then a win to David Lloyd, Mt Albert. 1 all. A win to Ann over Dorothy, then one to Charlie over Sue. 2 all. It was all on the shoulders of Glennis Hale and David Blumhardt. "I know who's winning", said a confident Mt Albert player. Looking over to the table - David gives the thumbs down sign. "The responsibility is all yours", coos the other players, thanking the Lord that their share of the burden had been shelved.

Well - it was all on until the last move, she leads, he leads, then Glennis took the lead by 33 points. David then set up the board with CAN, leaving a treble exposed to whoever was lucky enough to have an S. Guess who? David of course. Glennis was unable to block the treble, and David went out with TIGS and SCAN making 33, giving him an equal score of 410 plus the 4 remaining points on Glennis's rack.

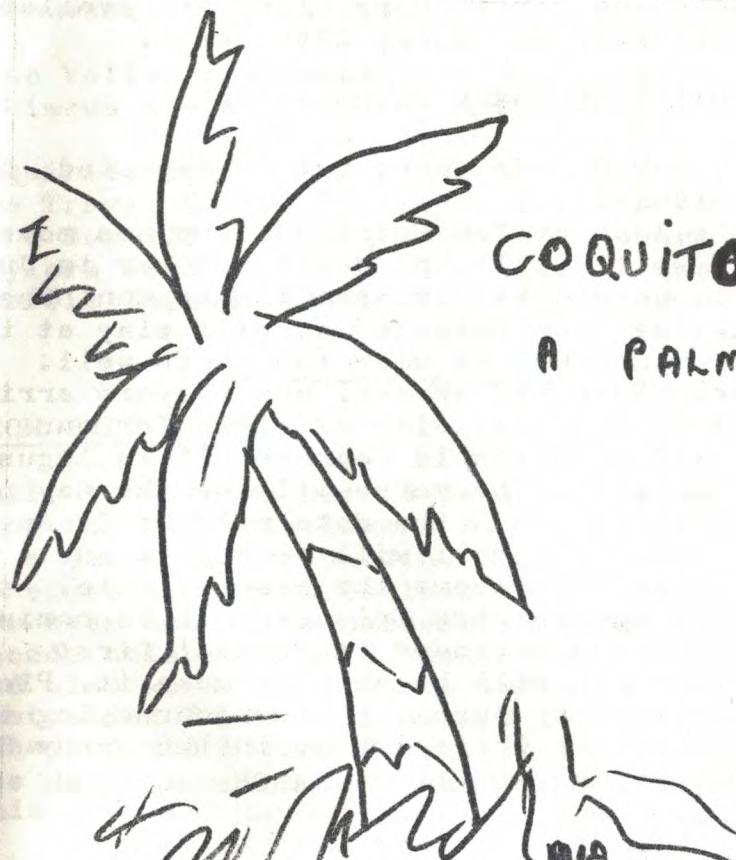
By Mickey Merkin Po

NORTH SHORE TEAM:

David Blumhardt	4 wins	410 ave	11 sevens
Georgie Offringa	3 "	405 "	7 "
Allie Quinn	3 "	350 "	5 "
Sue Marrow	2 "	413 "	8 "
Ann Candler	1 "	381 "	6 "

MT ALBERT TEAM:

David Lloyd	4 "	407 "	10 "
Glennis Hale	3 "	441 "	13 "
Charlie Curl	3 "	377 "	3 "
David Pinner	1 "	361 "	5 "
Dorothy Pinner	1 "	356 "	6 "



COQUITO =
A PALM TREE

FUTURE TOURNAMENTS

NORTH SHORE TOURNAMENT 26th APRIL

The North Shore Club is holding a tournament on 26th April at the Takapuna Senior Citizens Rooms, The Strand, Takapuna. This is the Saturday after Anzac Day, which is on a Friday this year. The entry fee is \$8.00. Due to the size of the venue we are limited to 48 entrants.

Maybe an 'out of town' club would like to take this opportunity to put in a challenge for the N.Z. Shield on the following Sunday. The N.Z. Shield is at present held by the North Shore Club, after a narrow victory against the very strong Mt Albert team last Saturday. However the Bays have put in a challenge for the 15th March. Regardless of the outcome of the match, both Bays and North Shore Clubs are available to accept a challenge on Sunday 27th April.

NEWS FROM TAURANGA SCRABBLE ENTHUSIASTS

We begin 1986, our Decade year, rather dejected, but also rather optimistic. Dejected at the loss of Pam Muirhead, who has moved to Wellington (we'll still, no doubt see her in June), also Oona Sullivan who has crossed the Tasman. She will be contacting John Holgate, so will play at the Sydney Club from now on. We wish them both well. Optimistic because we had several new players arrive at our first 1986 meeting, also as plans for our 'Decade Dedicated to Scrabble Tournament' in August are now more definite. The venue will be the Bay of Plenty Community College - the date will be 31 August - Sunday. We have decided it will be just a one day tournament, as this seems the general rule. At least one of our Rockhampton friends will be coming. We hope that many who attended Taurangas' first Scrabble Championship will be able to make it. Please fellow Scrabblers, keep August 31 for journeying to Tauranga, a weekend or longer spent in the sunny Bay of Plenty. Best wishes to all clubs for 1986.

From Noel Maisey

Norfolk Island SCRABBLE Festival

8 DAYS OF FUN, SCRABBLE AND
RELAXATION

Your choice of 8 or 11 days -
August 31 to September 7 1986
or August 28 to September 1986

Registration fee \$30.00

Accommodation - 8 Days:

	Single	Twin	Triple	Quad
Pine Valley Apartments	\$695	\$647	\$608	\$589
Hibiscus Aloha	935	695	615	599

Accommodation - 11 Days

Pine Valley Apartments	859	730	674	657
Hibiscus Aloha	1065	833	744	719

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FROM THE EDITOR

Well, 1986 looks set to be a very busy and exciting year for Scrabble lovers in N.Z. It's great to hear of a new club in Dunedin. There seems to be a varied schedule of events to look forward to, - something for everyone - The Masters in Lower Hutt, Taurangas decade celebration, - the Norfolk Island Festival, and also word has it that there is to be an Australian Tournament aboard the paddle boats that steam up the Murray River. It is unfortunate that the dates for some of these events coincide, I hope this does not prove too much of a problem.

From Sue

